

purposes, and to designate as a game refuge within such national forest the areas which may be determined to be suitable for the protection and propagation of game animals and birds.

Designation of game and bird refuge on.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, kill, capture, or molest any game animal or any bird within such designated refuge except in accordance with rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Hunting, etc., within, unlawful.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of this Act shall not affect any valid existing claim, location, or entry under the land laws of the United States, whether for homestead, mineral, right of way, or any other purpose, nor the rights of any claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of such land.

Existing entries, etc., not affected.

SEC. 4. That any person who violates any provision of this Act or of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Punishment for violating provisions, etc.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 308.—An Act To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court, Northern District of California, to adjudicate the claims of American citizens.

June 7, 1924.

[S. 1192.]

[Public, No. 230.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and it is hereby, conferred upon the United States District Court, Northern District of California, to hear and determine the claims of American citizens, their heirs and legal representatives, for damages or loss occasioned by or resulting from the seizure, detention, sale, or interference with their voyage by the United States of vessels charged with unlawful sealing in the Bering Sea and water contiguous thereto and outside of the three-mile limit during the years 1886 to 1896, inclusive, and to enter judgment therefor.

Bering Sea seal fishing.

Claims of Americans for damages for unlawful seizures of vessels, etc., 1886-1896, to be adjudicated..

SEC. 2. That all American citizens whose rights were affected by said seizure, detention, sale, or interference specifically referred to in section 1 hereof during the years 1886 to 1896, inclusive, may submit to the United States District Court in and for the Northern District of California their claims thereunder, and the court shall render judgment thereon.

Submission to California northern district court.

Authority of court.

SEC. 3. That claims not presented within two years from the passage of this Act shall hereafter be forever debarred.

Time limit.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 309.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation to meet proportionate expenses of providing a drainage system for Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands reclamation project of the Reclamation Service," approved February 14, 1923.

June 7, 1924.

[S. 1203.]

[Public, No. 231.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation to meet proportionate expenses of providing a drainage system for Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands reclamation project of the Reclamation Service," approved February 14, 1923, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Piute Indians, Nevada.
Vol. 42, p. 1246.

"That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$49,603.05, payable in twenty annual installments of \$2,500 each, except the last, which shall be the amount remaining unpaid, for the

Amount authorized for drainage of lands of, in Newlands reclamation project.

purpose of meeting the proportionate expense of providing a drainage system for four thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven acres of Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands project of the Reclamation Service.

Reimbursement.

"The money herein authorized to be appropriated shall be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to said Indian lands."

Approved, June 7, 1924.

June 7, 1924.
[S. 1308.]

[Public, No. 232.]

CHAP. 310.—An Act Authorizing an appropriation to enable the Secretary of the Interior to purchase a tract of land, with sufficient water right attached, for the use and occupancy of the Temoak Band of homeless Indians, located at Ruby Valley, Nevada.

Temoak Indians,
Nevada.
Purchase of land, etc.,
authorized for home-
less, at Ruby Valley.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to purchase a tract of land, with sufficient water right attached, for the use and occupancy of the Temoak Band of homeless Indians, located at Ruby Valley, Nevada: *Provided*, That the title to said land is to be held in the United States for the benefit of said Indians.

Proviso.
Retention of title.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

June 7, 1924.
[S. 1309.]

[Public, No. 233.]

CHAP. 311.—An Act For the relief of settlers and town-site occupants of certain lands in the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, Nevada.

Pyramid Lake In-
dian Reservation,
Nevada.
Sales to settlers on
lands in, occupied, etc.,
by them 21 years or
more.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to sell to settlers or their transferees, under such terms, conditions, and price per acre as the said Secretary may prescribe, any lands in the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, in the State of Nevada, that have been settled upon, occupied, and improved by said settlers and their transferees in good faith for a period of twenty-one years or more immediately preceding the passage of this Act: *Provided*, That no more than six hundred and forty acres shall be sold to any one person or corporation: *Provided further*, That said sales shall be by private cash entry after it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that the lands applied for have been settled upon, occupied, and improved as required by this Act, and in addition to such price per acre as may be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior all entrymen hereunder shall pay the same fees and commissions as provided by law where public lands are disposed of at \$1.25 per acre. The proceeds of said sales shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and be subject to appropriations by Congress for the Piute Indians of the said Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.

Provisos.
Acreage limit.

Private cash entry
sales, etc.

Proceeds to credit of
Piute Indians on res-
ervation.

Wadsworth, Nevada.
Survey, platting, and
sales of town lots.

R. S., sec. 2384, p. 436.

Provisos.
Reservations for In-
dians.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is also authorized to have a survey and plat made of the town of Wadsworth, in said Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, and thereafter sell the unpatented lands embraced in the said town as provided for by section 2384 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and on compliance with said statute the purchasers of the lots shall acquire title as provided for by the said statute: *Provided*, That any lands within the limits of said town used for Indian school purposes or for other public use for Indians shall be, and the same are hereby,